

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 were canceled without prejudice and claims 19 and 25 were previously canceled. Therefore, claims 5-18, 20-24 and 26-34 remain pending in this application.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 3 was objected to due to an antecedent issue. Claim 3 was canceled without prejudice and the objection to that claim is now moot.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Challenger (U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2003/0186679) in view of Quarterman (U.S. Published Application No. 2002/0073231).

By way of the preceding amendment, claim 1-4 were canceled without prejudice and the rejection of those claims is now moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER / CONCLUSION

Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 5-18, 20-24 and 26-34. As indicated above, claims 1-4 were canceled without prejudice and Applicant therefore believes that all currently pending claims are presently in condition for allowance. Due to this, Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that any further action by Applicant is necessary to place this application in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone conference with the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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